# Commissioners Meeting June 17, 2014

Present: David Gogel, Al Logsdon, Jim Seiler, Chuck Painter, John Gelarden, Attorney Jeff Lindsey, Auditor Jane Lynam

Meeting was called to order by President David Gogel at 1:15 P.M.

# Minutes

Logsdon made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from June 3<sup>rd</sup> as presented. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

#### Claims

Logsdon made a motion to approve claims for Batch #2980 in the amount of \$3,092.44. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

### **New Business**

Gogel explained that it was renewal time for our insurance. Brad Franzman, insurance broker for Spencer County explained that we had a significant increase this year. At the Insurance Committee meeting earlier in the day, the consensus was to go with Plan Option 2 out of the (7) seven presented to the committee. Option 2 has a corridor attached which means there is \$150,000 that the reinsurance company is setting aside for the two ongoing cases specifying that that's what the county will be responsible for above and beyond the \$60,000 specific deductible which applies for everyone on the plan. Franzman said following up from the Insurance Committee meeting it is our recommendation to renew this plan for the upcoming renewal on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Logsdon made a motion to renew our policy with True Services, Option 2 with a named corridor to become effective August 1, 2014 for the 2014-2015 year. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

## **Highway Report**

Painter said Jim Ferguson from Perry Spencer Telephone asked to use the county right-of-way for installation of fiber optic cable. Lindsey and Painter will look over the permit and plans; a decision can be made at the July meeting.

## **Bid Openings**

County Roads 200W, 350W & 300S Distance of 3.3 miles Estimated Cost \$466,605.

1.	Metzger Construction	CR 200W \$147,419.35
		CR 350W \$138,027.55
		CR 300S \$174,032.20
		\$459,479.10 Total

		\$496,799.00 Total
		CR 300S \$187,049.50
		CR 350W \$150,031.00
2.	E&B Paving	CR 200W \$159,718.50

3. **J.H.Rudolph** CR 200W \$146,039.50 CR 350W \$137,020.50 CR 300S \$171,476.50

\$454,536.50 Total

Logsdon made a motion to have Painter take the bids under advisement. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

## Legal Report

Sara Arnold explained that the DLGF requested a change and the Commissioners needed to sign an addendum for Tyler Technologies Contract for reassessment.

Lindsey said we would leave the Ordinance concerning the Personnel Policy until next month when we could get the Sheriff to attend the meeting also.

Lindsey said after speaking to Abby Rooker, the recommendation was to include electronic cigarettes within the Spencer County Courthouse were prohibited; smoking electronic cigarettes in Spencer County Vehicles is prohibited. Concerning the electronic cigarettes, I have drafted an Ordinance to amend the existing Ordinance, adding in all tobacco products to include electronic cigarettes for your consideration. I didn't add vehicles, so if you would prefer I can go back and add that; I can go back and do further adjustments for the personnel policy also.

# Nathan Held-St. Meinrad Water Project

Held explained that the St. Meinrad Water Project is complete. He needed signatures from the Commissioners on the close out forms 2 and 3 for the St. Meinrad Water Project.

Seiler made a motion to approve signing the Close Out Forms 2 and 3 for the St. Meinrad Water Project. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Logsdon made a motion for Gogel to sign as Sub Recipient the Semi Annual Report to OKRA on the Luce Township Sewer District. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

### Julie Sermersheim

Sermersheim explained that she needs help with drainage problems at her home in Christmas Lake Village. Gogel told her that her property was in the incorporated community of Santa Claus and that would be in the property association's jurisdiction. Lindsey said our jurisdiction doesn't go into the incorporated town of Santa Claus. Sermersheim said she has tried for 16 years and just can't solve the problem, and is asking for help because the property association told her it was her problem. After more discussion Lindsey suggested she contact a civil engineer to help design a plan to correct the problem because there isn't anything the county can do within the incorporated boundaries of Santa Claus.

## Highway Report (cont)

Painter reported that all figures in the bid packages checked out correctly and J.H.Rudolph was the low bidder at \$454,536.50 for the distance of 3.3 miles.

Seiler made a motion to accept the bid of J.H. Rudolph in the amount of \$454,536.50. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Painter said he had received a call from Dan Hohl asking for permission to put a water line for some new turkey barns in the county right-of-way, he will need a permit, but the Commissioners will have to agree for him to use the right-of-way. Logsdon said he would make a motion based on the support we have received from Dan Hohl, helping grade the road and putting rock on the road at his expense, we need to extend him this courtesy of using the right-of-way as long as it doesn't keep us from cleaning the ditch. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved. Painter said he plans to do the tractor bids on July 16<sup>th</sup>. He is going to go before the Council tonight to transfer money from Lease Rental so we can pay for the equipment instead of paying interest on it.

There was discussion on the drainage problems we are still encountering on old 231. Logsdon said we need to find out who can help us get this problem resolved before we lose part of that highway.

Painter said Jarrod Wilson with AERP out of Fort Wayne had called and asked to have the bond released for CR 350N. Lindsey will look at everything and make sure the bond can be released. Painter asked if t was possible to hire three new employees instead of the two they discussed earlier. He said he couldn't keep up with the workload with any more employees than he now has. He explained that he has three very qualified applicants and could use all three. There is money in the budget, so he won't have to ask for any additional money. After more discussion Seiler made a motion to go ahead and hire all three. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Budgets are due July 1<sup>st</sup> so Painter asked if the Commissioners wanted to sit in on a work session for the budget. They will meet on Thursday June 26<sup>th</sup> from 11:45 to 12:45 to work on the budget; this will be information only session.

Painter said we need to look at Bridge Inspections a little closer because these current prices are considerably higher than they were the last time; maybe we can negotiate with them.

Project on CR 400N, the pipe is in, but it isn't completely done, the drops still have to be put in.

### Rezoning-Theresa Cail

Cail explained that the Plan Commission was asking that the Cochenour property be rezoned. Ohio Valley Resources has an option to purchase and all the other property out there has already been rezoned. The Plan Commission voted unanimously in favor of the rezoning. Seiler made a motion to approve the Rezoning Ordinance #2014-12. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

### **Old Business**

Phil Brown said he would get a proposal together and present it to the Commissioners to act as the county ADA Coordinator.

### **New Business**

Tax Sale Addendum

Logsdon made a motion to sign the addendum. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Gogel said we want to congratulate the South Spencer Girls Softball Team for winning the state title.

## Debbie Steinkamp-Property Maintenance Hearing

Steinkamp had a complaint on property at the address of 13111 E Brewery ST., St. Meinrad, IN. She has done a Property Inspection Report and mailed it t the property owner. Numerous attempts to have the property cleaned up have been ignored.

Steinkamp asked to hire someone to mow and clean up the property and add that cost to the tax bill plus a \$100.00 fine and any other costs associated with the clean up.

Logsdon made a motion to fine Mr. Christopher Gilpatrick owner of a parcel of land with the mailing address of 13111 E Brewery St., St. Meinrad \$100.00 for not complying with the notice of violation he received. Logsdon then rescinded that motion and made a motion to approve the Order of Property Maintenance dated June 17, 2014 for Christopher Gilpatrick. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Logsdon made a motion to adjourn. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned at 4:02 P.M.

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Auditor, Jane Lynam	 			